

(b) On the [operator's] PERMITTEE'S showing of cause, the Department shall provide for a reasonable time, [but not less than six months] for the [operator] PERMITTEE to restore the land to comply with the permit.

(c) On failure of the [operator] PERMITTEE to show cause, the bond or cash deposit shall be forfeited nisi, and notice by the Department shall be given to the [operator] PERMITTEE and legal owner of the land if different from the [operator] PERMITTEE and surety of the forfeiture. If a showing of intention to restore in compliance with the permit is not submitted to the Department within 30 days from the forfeiture nisi, the bond or cash deposit shall be forfeited absolute.

(d) On an absolute forfeiture, the Department shall use the funds made available by the forfeiture to reclaim the affected land as promptly and completely as possible.

7-6A-23.

No [operator] PERMITTEE may conduct surface mining within the State if [he] THE PERMITTEE previously has forfeited any bond posted pursuant to surface mining activities, unless on application [by the operator, he] THE PERMITTEE repays the Department the cost of reclamation if the Department had reclaimed the land, plus interest at the [current] rate SET AS § 11-107(A) OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE PROVIDES, for the time elapsed, less the amount of the forfeited bond. If the land is still unreclaimed, the [operator] PERMITTEE shall reclaim the land covered by the forfeited bond at [his own] THE PERMITTEE'S expense, including any additional [erosional] EROSION, sedimentation, or pollution damage resulting from the lack of proper reclamation during the interim.

7-6A-24.

(a) The [operator] PERMITTEE shall file an operations and progress report with the Department by March 31 of each year, on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department, which shall cover the preceding calendar year and shall:

(1) Identify the mine, the [operator] PERMITTEE, and the permit number;

(2) Identify the location of the operation as to county, district, nearest municipality, and nearest public road;

(3) Report the type of mineral produced, the volume produced, and the value of production of each for the previous year. Individual company data is confidential and may be released only with the [operator's] PERMITTEE'S written consent;

(4) State the acreage disturbed by surface mining during the previous year;